GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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CULTURAL COMPLEX AT KOKRAJHAR
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to create necessary infrastructure for the development of Tourism on the Northern Bank of the river Brahmaputra under the foothills of Bhutan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have any proposal to establish a Bodo Cultural Complexcum Film Studio at Kokrajhar on the Pattern of `Shankar Kalakshetra and Jyoti Chitra Ban, Guwahati` with the Central Fund, inorder to preserve and protect the rich ancient Bodo Culture and Heritage;

(e) if so, the action taken so far in this regard; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) to (c) : Development and promotion of places of tourist interest/centres is primarily undertaken by the State/UT Governments themselves. However, the Department of Tourism, Govt. of India provides funds for the identified projects in consultation with the States/Union Territories every year.

During the 10th Five Year Plan the Department of Tourism, Govt. of India proposesto identify six travel circuits in the country on an annual basis and develop them to international standards. These circuits will be finalised and developed in close coordination and partnership with the State/UT Governments and the concerned Government of India Departments. In addition to this it is proposed to identify one major destination in each State/Union Territory for overall development each year. In this regard, proposals have been invited from all the State Governments/UT Administrations including the State of Assam.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.

(f): Does not arise.